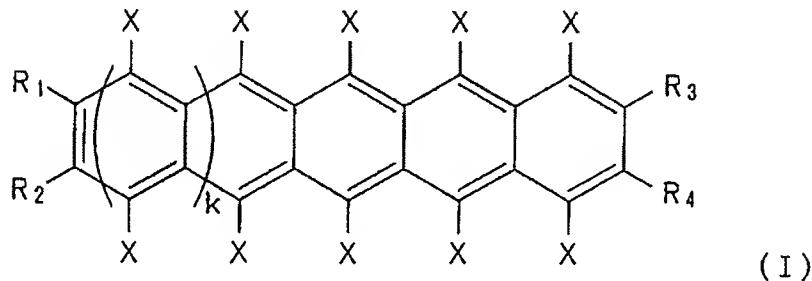


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A polyacene compound having a structure represented by the chemical formula (I):



wherein at least one of R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ in the chemical formula (I) is/are an alkyl group having 1 to 15 atoms or an alkoxy group having 1 to 15 carbon atoms ~~aliphatic hydrocarbon group (such as an alkyl group, alkenyl group or alkynyl group), aryl group, alkoxy group, aryloxy group, acyl group, ester group, alkyloxycarbonyl group, aryloxycarbonyl group, carboxyl group, formyl group, hydroxyl group, halogen group, amino group, imino group, amide group, cyano group, silyl group, mercapto group, sulfide group, disulfide group or sulfonyl group, or a functional group containing 2 or more groups thereof,~~ and the other(s) is/are a hydrogen atom, some of Xs, that are two or more, [[are]] wherein two of Xs are each a halogen group and bound to the same acene ring and the other(s) is/are a hydrogen atom, and k is an integer of 1 to 5.

2. (Original) The polyacene compound according to claim 1, wherein R₃ and R₄ are each a hydrogen atom.

3-4. **(Canceled)**

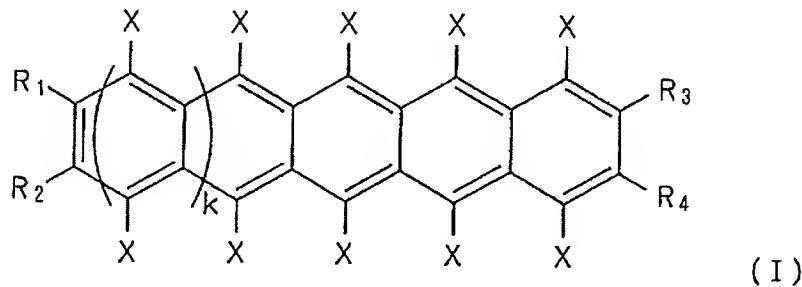
5. **(Currently amended)** The polyacene compound according to claim 1, wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 have the alkyl group or the alkoxy group has 2 to 15 carbon atoms, when they are functional groups.

6. **(Currently amended)** The polyacene compound according to claim 1, wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 have the alkyl group or the alkoxy group has 2 to 6 carbon atoms, when they are functional groups.

7-8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Previously presented)** The polyacene compound according to claim 1, wherein k is 1 or 2.

10. **(Currently amended)** An organic semiconductor thin film made of a polyacene compound having a structure represented by the chemical formula (I) and having crystallinity.



wherein at least one of R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ is/are an alkyl group having 1 to 15 atoms or an alkoxy group having 1 to 15 carbon atoms ~~aliphatic hydrocarbon group (such as an alkyl group, alkenyl group or alkynyl group), aryl group, alkoxy group, aryloxy group, acyl group, ester group, alkylloxycarbonyl group, aryloxycarbonyl group, carboxyl group, formyl group, hydroxyl group, halogen group, amino group, imino group, amide group, cyano group, silyl group, mercapto group, sulfide group, disulfide group or sulfonyl group, or a functional group containing 2 or more thereof,~~ and the other(s) is/are a hydrogen atom; some of Xs, that are two or more, wherein two of Xs are each ~~is/are a halogen group and bound to the same acene ring and~~ the other(s) is/are a hydrogen atom; and k is an integer of 1 to 5.

11. (Previously presented) The organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10, wherein R₃ and R₄ are each a hydrogen atom.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ have 2 to 15 carbon atoms, when they are functional groups.

15. (Previously presented) The organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10, wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ have 2 to 6 carbon atoms, when they are functional groups.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10, wherein k is 1 or 2.

19. (Previously presented) The crystalline organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10 formed on a substrate, wherein the major axis of the molecule of the polyacene compound is oriented toward a right angle to the substrate surface.

20. (Previously presented) An organic semiconductor device composed of the organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10, at least partly.

21. (Previously presented) A transistor comprising a gate electrode, dielectric layer, source electrode, drain electrode and semiconductor layer, wherein the semiconductor layer is composed of the organic semiconductor thin film according to claim 10.

22-31. (Canceled)

32-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously presented) A display device provided with pixel planes each composed of a number of pixels, wherein each of the pixels is provided with the organic semiconductor device according to claim 20 or transistor according to claim 21.

35. (Previously presented) The display device according to claim 34, wherein an electrode, dielectric layer and semiconductor layer are formed in the organic semiconductor device or transistor by printing or coating a liquid.